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## TWO FISH CARGOES HERE FROM MAINE

Two cargoes of salt fish from Maine ports arrived yesterday afternoon, one, the *Mattie*, for P. J. O'Brien, and the other, William Keene, for Gorton-Pew. Both craft have been on the way from Maine since December, and have been weather-bound at various ports along the Maine and New Hampshire coast line since then. Three weeks ago the pair left Portland for Gloucester, but have been held in some port between Gloucester and Portland since then. Each craft has a 1500 quintals of salt fish.

### N. S. Dried Fish Markets.

The local market just at present is chiefly interested in what is happening at Porto Rico. According to report, supplies down there of inferior fish from Newfoundland have stopped, and this fact, aided by short shipments from here, have had the effect of strengthening prices a bit, though they are not yet at a level which shows a profit to our exporters. It is hoped that from now on by limiting the weekly exports to a quantity which Porto Rico can without difficulty absorb, we shall see a slightly higher price ruling for the balance of the season. It should, perhaps, be added that this is only likely to be the case if great care is taken to avoid overloading the market.

In our last issue we referred to the fact that North Brazil has been placing some heavy orders for dried fish in Newfoundland. The latest is that she has completed all the purchases she needed to make for February business, and is not willing to meet Newfoundland's request for an advance of a shilling, on casks of 128 lbs. for March-April shipment.

The world is still apparently very much overstocked with dried fish and it looks very much as though Iceland and some other countries would make tremendous losses this year, for any of last season's dried fish they have on hand after mid-summer, will be almost sure to be unfit for human food and will therefore have to be destroyed. A wheat grower or a coffee planter can carry stock forward for a year or two, in the hope that the market will improve, but not so the holder of dried fish. His chance ends with the ending of the season and the starting of another. A situation such as exists today is very likely to make for reduced production of dried fish this year, and particularly in those countries which are taking heavy losses on holdings at the present time. We are expecting a decreased effort on the part of the Lunenburg fleet this season, but it is yet too early to say how much. No news has yet reached us as to what number of vessels will go out on the early spring trip or on subsequent trips, but there is no doubt it will be smaller than it was last year.

We are now approaching a period which promises a revelation of losses to the dried fish trade more severe than any we have witnessed in our time. Canada, because she is a very small factor in the trade, will not be a great sufferer, but think of the loss that Iceland and others will have to take. Well, there is only this ray of comfort for us to take from it and this is that world production for the present season may be cut down so much that we shall see a better price for new fish next fall than we have witnessed for some time.—Maritime Merchant.

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### N. S. Lobsters.

Judging from items appearing in the local press, considerable interest is beginning to be shown by fishermen and others in different sections as to the conditions now confronting the lobster industry.

Some of the Fishermens' Unions are planning to handle and pack their own catches, leaving the usual dealers and packers uncertain whether they will be justified in making any preparations for the coming season. Other canners fear that with lower prices prevailing, fewer fishermen will go lobstering and therefore do not commit themselves for purchasing supplies ahead as formerly. Buyers of live lobsters are not showing much eagerness, nor do the exporters of canned lobsters display the former anxiety to buy in advance of the opening of the season.

Nominally, the markets are unchanged in America and Great Britain, but prices have been further reduced in some European countries. No one is disposed to speculate in futures just now.

There remains, however, two months ere any extensive fishing will occur to test the markets and by that time conditions may change somewhat.

If less fishermen and fewer canneries operate during 1931, then the supply may prove smaller, and if the lower prices now prevailing assist the consumption, then the present surplus stocks may disappear and a revival in the demand will follow, but this cannot be gauged much in advance.

Suggestions are being made for a revision of the seasons so as to divide the catches more evenly over the year and in this way strengthen the Canadian live lobster trade by preventing such slumps as occurred last year.

One of these is that the Western Nova Scotia (Yarmouth) season shall begin in February instead of March and close 15 days earlier than at present, and cancel the December season now prevailing for Western Halifax; the Northumberland Straits and Magdalen Islands to have a slightly later but longer season than at present, but the seasons in the Bay of Fundy to be greatly reduced; the New Brunswick fall season to be lengthened 15 days, while Eastern Nova Scotia and Cape Breton shall be changed from two months spring fishing to three and one-half months during the winter.

Such a change will certainly not meet with universal approval. The scientists will hardly approve of longer seasons nor the further encroachments of fishing into the month of July, and very few, if any, of the Cape Breton fishermen would care to have a winter season for catching lobsters.—Maritime Merchant.

## SUES FOR SINKING OF MOTOR CRAFT

(Special to the Times.)

Boston, February 14.—Damages of \$3000 for the sinking of the "Little Fannie" and the loss of its cargo are sought by J. J. McLaughlin Machine Company, Inc., of Gloucester in a libel filed in the United States District Court against the fishing schooner *Louise B. Marshall*.

According to the Gloucester corporation on October 14 last, at 3.15 p. m., its motor craft with a cargo of 5000 gallons of fuel oil was sunk with its cargo by reason of the fishing schooner coming in collision with its motor vessel at Harbor Cove, Gloucester Harbor. The fishing schooner, while backing out of its berth at a wharf at Harbor Cove, Gloucester Harbor, and later proceeding ahead and swinging in a great arc to starboard and while swinging in arc the *Little Fannie* entered the cove and continued on her course near the wharves on the westerly side of the cove.

The libellant declares that the helmsman of the *Louise B. Marshall*, instead of straightening out his course to pass out of the harbor, continued the fishing schooner in her circular course, eventually overtaking the *Little Fannie* and striking her on her starboard side a little to 'midships.

The libellant through its counsel Attorney R. Chandler Davis of Gloucester, asks the court to decree that the *Louise B. Marshall* be condemned and sold and also that the court decree in its favor payment of its damages together with interest and costs for the bringing of the libel.

### LARGE HOLDINGS OF HADDOCK FILLETS

The amount of haddock fillets in cold storage on January 15, 1931, amounted to 6,636,740 pounds as compared with 3,707,989 pounds on the corresponding date of 1930.

### Frozen Mackerel.

Frozen mackerel are in moderate demand. The small fish are getting cleaned up. Large are in good supply and selling to wholesale dealers at 6 cents and tacks at 5 cents. According to the official figures the amount of mackerel in cold storage in the United States on January 15, 1931 amounted to 4,834,467 pounds as compared with 6,321,345 pounds on January 15, 1930. In Canada on January 1, 1931 there were 857,373 pounds of mackerel in storage as compared with 582,095 pounds on the same date in the previous year.

### Salt Mackerel Imports.

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston from June 1 to date have been 5005 barrels as compared with 2890 barrels in 1930; 3850 barrels in 1929 14,236 barrels in 1928; and 6089 barrels in 1927.

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# TWO LOCAL FISHING CRAFT STRIKE LEDGES AND RAPIDLY SINK

## MODERATE SUPPLY AT BOSTON PIER

RECEIPTS TOTAL 350,000 POUNDS  
—PRICES SHOW IMPROVE-  
MENT THIS MORNING.

A fleet of 15 craft was on hand at the Boston fish pier this morning with moderate catches to offer dealers for the half-day session. Receipts amounted to 274,000 pounds of groundfish and 70,000 pounds of mixed fish. The market was firm with prices higher. Haddock started at \$4 to \$5; large cod, \$6; and markets, \$4 to \$4.25.

By rail were received yesterday, 150 barrels of flounders and 246 boxes of frozen fish, the latter from the west coast and consisting of halibut and salmon.

Next week ushers in the Lenten season and dealers are anticipating improvement in the trade.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:  
Str. Newton, 84,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 15,000 mixed fish.  
Str. Shawmut, 58,000 haddock, 2200 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.  
Str. Fordham, 54,000 haddock, 6500 cod, 15,000 mixed fish.  
Boat R. Eugene Ashley, 5000 haddock, 8000 mixed fish.  
Sch. Vasco da Gama, 17,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 2500 mixed fish.  
Sch. Ethel B. Penny, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 8000 hake, 2000 cusk.  
Sch. St. John, 7000 haddock, 600 cod, 2700 mixed fish.  
Boat Natale II., 4200 haddock, 200 cod, 1000 mixed fish.  
Boat Mao II., 200 cod, 2000 mixed fish.  
Boat Robert and Edwin, 300 cod, 2400 mixed fish.  
Boat Rosie, 2200 mixed fish.  
Boat Roma, 1800 mixed fish.  
Boat Two Brothers, 1500 mixed fish.  
Haddock, \$4 to \$5 per cwt.; large cod, \$6; market cod, \$4 to \$4.25; hake, \$3 to \$4; pollock, \$4; cusk, \$3; gray sole, 5 to 6 cents per lb.; lemon sole, 10 cents; yellow tails 1 1-2 cents; dabs, 1-2 cent; redfish, 1 1-2 cents; spawn, 7 cents; tongues and cheeks, 8 cents; catfish, 1 1-2 cents.

## The Col. Lindberg Ashore Near Mouth of Canal---Salvatore Wrecked While Fishing on Jersey Shore

Two local fishing craft sunk last night, one in the Cape Cod canal, and the other off of Cape Henry. The last reports on the condition of the boats is vague, but it is believed that one, the Col. Lindbergh, may be raised and towed to Gloucester for repairs. Of the other boat, the Salvatore, which is ashore on the Jersey coast, nothing definite is known as to the condition.

Making for Boston at midnight last night, the local dragger Col. Lindbergh, commanded by Capt. Michael Driscoll, and carrying a crew of seven men, went ashore on the rocks at the Buzzard's Bay side of the canal, and at low water was reported to be partly submerged.

According to what could be learned here this morning, the Lindbergh was bound to the Boston pier with about 15,000 pounds of fish on board, when the helmsman went on the wrong side of the buoy, striking a pile of rocks and opening a big hole in her bottom. The water rushed in so fast that the crew barely had time to take to the dories when she filled and sank.

The Lindbergh was two years old, built in Rockport and was owned by

Capt. Harry Clattenburg. She has been gone from here about two weeks.

### Ashore on Jersey Coast.

The Salvatore, a brand new boat, two months off of the stocks at Bamariscotta, Maine, owned by the Producers' Fish Company, is under water, 10 miles south of Cape Henry.

With her full seining crew on board, the Salvatore left here last fall to fish for scup and had been making good. Rather than have the boat return here to fit for seining, her owners decided to let her stay in southern waters and ship her seine down by another boat when the fleet sailed for the spring season.

Early this morning while running from the fishing grounds to market, the boat, commanded by Capt. Joseph Sinagra, hit on a rock and sank. Her crew took to the dories and rowed ashore, and this forenoon a message conveying the news was received by the Producers Fish Company.

A towboat has been sent to the spot where the Salvatore sank, and efforts will be made to raise her. This morning a lighter was sent from Boston to the side of the Col. Lindbergh, and it is believed that she may be raised and towed to port for repairs.



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## DRAGGERS FOUND GOOD FISHING

SEVERAL NICE FARES LANDED  
AT FORT WHARVES THIS  
FORENOON.

Draggers found pretty good fishing yesterday, and this forenoon some nice fares were taken out at the various Fort wharves. Nine trips in all were reported and landed a total catch of 28,500 pounds. Yesterday 13 of the gill netters hauled their gear, but most of them had poor pickings, running about 1000 pounds to a boat.

### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:

Boat Uncle Sam, dragging, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Antonina, dragging, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat St. Peter, dragging, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Pocomo, dragging, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Angie and Vence, dragging, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Little Joe, dragging, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Margaret D., dragging, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat St. Providenza, dragging, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat 915C, trawling, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Alpar, via Boston.  
Sch. Emma Marie, via Boston.  
Sch. Mary E. D'Eon, via Boston.  
Sch. Marie and Winifred, via Boston.

### Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Boat Enterprise, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Agnes and Myrnie, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Mary A., 2500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Serafina II., 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Mary J. Landry, 600 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Nashawena, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Eliza C. Riggs, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Liboria C., 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Alicia, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Joanna, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Edna Fae, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Virginia and Joan, 700 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Ramona, 1100 lbs. fresh fish

### Sailed.

Sch. Mary E. D'Eon, dragging.  
Sch. Alpar, shore.  
Sch. Emma Marie, dragging.  
Sch. Marie and Winifred, dragging.  
Boat Leretha, dragging.

### On the Railways.

Boat Eliza C. Riggs is on Parkhurst's railways.  
Boat St. Providenza and sch. Sadie M. Nunan are on Burnham's railways.

### Pier Landings.

For the week ending February 5 there were 88 arrivals at the Boston fish pier with 3,466,500 pounds of groundfish. In the same week of 1930, 125 arrivals brought in 5,221,700 pounds.

From January 1 to date, 573 arrivals have brought in 17,982,900 pounds. In 1930, 655 arrivals brought in 25,419,300 pounds of fresh fish to the pier.

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## THREE ARRIVALS SINCE SATURDAY

BAD WEATHER OFF SHORE KEPT  
EVERYTHING IN  
PORT.

Only three fares of fresh fish have been received since Saturday, not even a gill netter making a lift since Friday afternoon. The arrivals this morning were three of the small shore boats, which brought a total catch of 11,000 pounds. Due to heavy weather off shore, none of the draggers or gill netters have been out for two days.

### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:

Boat Rose and Lucy, dragging, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Catherine C., trawling, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Paolina, dragging, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Vasco da Gama, via Boston.  
Sch. Ethel B. Penny, via Boston.  
Sch. St. John, via Boston.

### Sailed.

Sch. Olivia Brown, dragging.  
Sch. St. John, dragging.  
Boat Margaret D., dragging.  
Boat Antonina, dragging.  
Boat Bethulia, dragging.  
Boat Uncle Sam, dragging.  
Boat St. Peter, dragging.  
Boat Angie and Vence, dragging.  
Boat Santana D., dragging.  
Boat Little Joe, dragging.

## Deaths

### Joseph Peter Hevey.

Joseph Peter Hevey, who was taken suddenly ill while working as foreman in the construction of P. J. O'Brien's new house on Western avenue, this city, died last evening at 11.45 at the Addison Gilbert hospital. He was 68 years old. Mr. Hevey was born in Canada. He married Albertine Laberge and is survived by his wife and six children in Springfield.

## Funerals

### Mrs. Jeanette M. Brimmer.

The last sad rites for Mrs. Jeanette M. Brimmer who passed away in Boston last Thursday, took place from the Chapel Street Baptist church, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when sorrowing relatives and friends paid tribute to one, who had been a long and honored resident in their midst.

The services, brief and simple as the deceased would have had them, were in charge of Rev. Ralph M. Barker, pastor of the church and Rev. Dewitt Dowling of Boston, the latter an Episcopal clergyman and intimate friend of the family. There was a profusion of roses and other floral tributes, attesting the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

The burial was in Mt. Pleasant cemetery. The pall bearers were John Harold Coffin and Arthur C. Coffin of Cambridge, her grandsons, Charles P. Mackay and John J. Coffin.

## GOOD SUPPLY AS LENT ARRIVES

FLEET OF 21 VESSELS HAS 1,350,-  
000 POUNDS AT BOSTON  
TODAY.

Dealers on the Boston fish pier were today well supplied as the Lenten season approaches. There were 21 vessels in the arriving fleet this morning. Fares were much larger than they have been for weeks. Total receipts were 1,235,000 pounds of groundfish, 110,000 pounds of mixed fish and 3000 pounds of sole. All varieties were in good demand and the market opened strong. Haddock sold for \$4 to \$5.50; large cod, \$5; and markets, \$3 to \$4.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:

Str. Princeton, 22,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 1200 mixed fish.  
Str. Cornell, 44,000 haddock, 5500 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.  
Str. Amherst, 62,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 14,000 mixed fish.  
Str. Boston College, 98,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.  
Str. Quincy, 40,000 haddock, 35,000 mixed fish.  
Boat Gertrude Parker, 58,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 4500 mixed fish.  
Sch. Ruth Lucille, 78,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 5500 mixed fish.  
Boat Exeter, 50,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4200 mixed fish.  
Boat Maris Stella, 32,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 5200 mixed fish.  
Sch. Mildred Silva, 55,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2600 mixed fish.  
Boat Olive M. Williams, 1500 haddock, 1500 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.  
Boat Albatross, 25,000 haddock, 5000 mixed fish.  
Boat Colleen, 3500 haddock, 1500 cod, 3000 sole.  
Sch. Arthur D. Story, 50,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 15,000 cusk.  
Sch. Mary F. Curtis, 40,000 haddock, 32,000 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 cusk 2000 pollock.  
Sch. Dawn, 39,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 2000 cusk, 2000 pollock.  
Sch. Herbert Parker, 28,000 haddock, 22,000 cod.  
Sch. Gertrude DeCosta, 30,000 haddock, 11,500 cod, 15,000 cusk.  
Boat North Star, 6000 haddock, 800 cod, 1500 mixed fish.  
Boat Olympia, 43,000 haddock, 200 cod, 800 mixed fish.  
Boat Santana D., 3500 haddock, 500 cod, 1900 mixed fish.  
Haddock, \$4 to \$5.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$3 to \$4; hake, \$3; pollock, \$2 to \$5; cusk, \$2.50 to \$3; gray sole, 5 to 7 cents per pound; lemon sole, 10 cents; black backs, 6 cents; dabs, 1 cent; spawn, 7 cents; shark, 6 cents, catfish, 3 cents.

### First Salmon.

A few fresh salmon are being received from Nova Scotia and prices are about 50 per cent of the usual price for first arrivals.

### Smelt Season Over.

The season for catching smelts in New Brunswick closed yesterday. There was not any extension last year and there has been no talk of any extension in the period for catching the fish this year.